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The Fall Membership Meeting originally scheduled for September 29th at the Three Fires Conference Center has been rescheduled to Saturday, October 6th to allow us to use the new large Event Center. The new 1700 seat center will provide the tribe with a wonderful opportunity for the largest gathering of Tribal Citizens in our nation's official history

The scheduling move will also provide Tribal Elders the opportunity to hold their meeting in conjunction with the Fall Membership. This will simplify travel plans for out-of-town visitors.

**Make your reservations today by calling  
1-866-473-2538.**

*"By virtue of the fact that the federal government was negotiating a treaty with the Ottawa Indians means that the federal government recognized the Ottawa Indians as a distinct nation of people,"*




**7th Annual  
Re-Affirmation Day Celebration**

**Date:** Saturday, September 22, 2007

**Time:** 6:00 p.m. Dinner

**Where:** Little River Casino Resort  
Three Fires Conference Center  
Manistee, MI

**Come Celebrate Re-Affirmation Day with your family!**

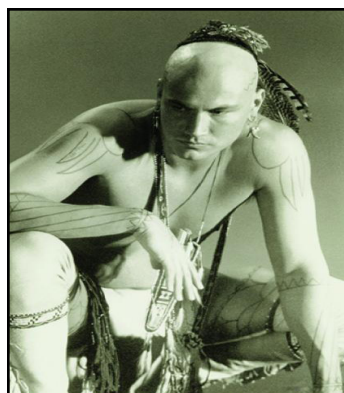




## LITEFOOT-REACH THE REZ TOUR IS COMING TO THE LITTLE RIVER CASINO RESORT

The Tribal Council and the Little River Casino Resort is welcoming "LITEFOOT" at the Little River Band Casino Resort on Saturday, September 15th @ 6:00 PM in the new auditorium at the Little River Casino Resort.

The Purpose of the Reach The Rez Project is to provide proactive programs and outreach directed toward Native American communities throughout the United States and Canada. Our programs are specifically designed to effectively reach American Indian people, especially the youth.



Litefoot made his major motion picture debut as the star of the Paramount/Columbia film entitled, *The Indian in the Cupboard* and he has gone on to star in such films as, *Mortal Kombat*, *Annihilation*, *Kull*, *The Conqueror*, *The Song Of Hiawatha* and *Adaptation*. The films *The Indian In The Cupboard*, *Kull The Conqueror* and *The Song of Hiawatha* earned Litefoot "Best Actor" awards from the First Americans in the Arts Awards and from the American Indian Film Institute.



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## Clinton signs bill to recognize local tribe

*As we approach the celebration of our tribes' reaffirmation, the Currents staff and the Historical Department wanted to share this 1994 historical article about that special event with you*



President Bill Clinton was scheduled to sign a bill today that reaffirmed the federal status of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians and two other Michigan tribes.

Dan Bailey, the chairman of the board of directors for the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, which is based in Manistee, was invited to the white House as the representative of the tribe.

"We never anticipated that there would actually be a signing ceremony in the White House," said Mark Dougher, executive director of the tribe.

Dougher expressed disappointment that Bailey was the only member of the tribe invited to the ceremony. Others were deserving of the experience, he said, including Katherine Sams Glocheski, former of the tribe's board of directors, and Margaret Chandler, a member of the board of directors.

"These are two people that have earned that right to go," Dougher said. "It would've been nice to send a whole busload of people. The president was

each tribe, was precedent setting.

"I don't think there's ever been an Ottawa Indian that's been personally invited to the White House for an issue that affects the Ottawa people," said Dougher.

### A Sense of Relief

The bill for the Little River and the Little Traverse Band passed the U.S. House of Representatives on Aug. 3. The companion bill passed the Senate on May 25.

Dougher found out about the signing ceremony of Friday.

He was asked how he felt when he heard the news.

"I felt more a sense of relief. We've been biding our time wondering when the President was going to sign it."

The reason for reaffirmation was outlined in a speech U.S. Rep. Dale Kildee, D-Flint, gave before the U.S. House of Representatives on June 10, 1993.

"...Historical documentation proves that these tribes have, in fact, had formal government-government relations from the times Americans first entered the Great Lakes Region to the present," Kildee said. "It is simply the legal status of that relationship that we seek to reaffirm through this legislation."

"...Federal Indian services guaranteed them were either never provided or were gradually withdrawn. The tribes have continued to petition the federal government of recognition and enforcement of these rights..."

The United States government and Ottawa bands entered into five treaties, the last of which was signed in 1855.

"By virtue of the fact that the federal government was negotiating a treaty with the Ottawa Indians means that the federal government recognized the Ottawa Indians as a distinct nation of

vindication," said Dougher. "It's vindication of Ottawa treaty rights."

Dougher said that when the bill is signed, a new chapter will begin for the tribe.

"It's taken 120 years to get this matter resolved," he said. "Now a whole new phase of work begins. And that concerns the governing of the tribe in the modern age."

For non-Indians in the area, how will federal recognition affect them?

"As the tribe evolves there will be job opportunities," said Dougher. "The non-Indian community will benefit from that just as the Indian community will."

Once the bill becomes law, the tribe's present board and its officers will serve as the interim tribal council. The voting membership will elect a new tribal council after the tribal membership and constitution are approved.

Dougher said that the tribe has received membership applications from about 500 eligible people. About 400 of the applicants reside in the tribe's service level – Mason, Manistee, Lake, and Wexford counties.

Eligibility for the tribe is based on one's ancestry. Dougher estimated that membership would peak at about 700 to 800 people.

Legislation provides that the tribe has up to 18 months to complete the tribal membership roll.

It also states that no later than 24 months after the bill is enacted, the eligible tribal membership will vote on the adoption of the tribe's constitution. Within six months after the constitution is ratified by the membership, voters will elect a new tribal council.

### Future Plans

In November, the tribe will

begin the work of developing a 10-year strategic plan.

Dougher said that he thinks that children and the elderly should be given primary consideration when the tribe plans future programs.

He added that he feels the tribe's economic development efforts should be in varied fields.

"I would hope that they wouldn't build an economic base on one industry," said Dougher.

The tribe will be seeking appropriations from Congress to purchase land which is appropriate for construction of



Tribal members Steven Medacco, Ruth Dean and Jonnie Sam at reaffirmation dinner

offices, a community center, a health clinic, and homes.

Dougher said that there isn't going to be a windfall on money to provide services for the tribe.

"It's going to be incremental," he said. "It's going to be sufficient to provide for some needs of the tribal community."

Dougher said that when President Clinton signs the bill into law, excitement won't be the only emotion that members feel.

"There's sadness too, because there's a lot of elders that have died in the past few years," he said. "I wish they could have lived long enough to see this happen."



Lobbying in Washington D.C. L-R LTBB Chairman Frank Ettawageshik, unknown, LRB Tribal Chairman Dan Bailey, unknown, unknown

scheduled today to sign into law two bills which reaffirm the federal status of three tribes – one for the Little River Band and the Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians and another for the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians.

Dougher said he thought the ceremony, which included a representative from

people," said Dougher. "The Ottawa have contended that they were always recognized. Because they had a treaty and that never was altered."

"We are asking that Congress reaffirm that these are federally recognized tribes."

### A New Chapter

When The presidenet does sign the bill into law, what will this mean for the Little River Band?

"Historically, it will mean



Tribal members in food line at reaffirmation dinner





NEWS FROM THE DESK OF THE TRIBAL COUNCIL RECORDER  
FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE-2007



**Kim Alexander**  
Tribal Council  
Recorder

Happy September:

I have mentioned a lot of Tribal Council Worksession so I wanted to let the members know of the attendance from now on at these worksessions.

Worksessions are what Tribal Council has before anything goes on the Tribal Council agenda.

The Tribal Councilors has had 71 worksession (From 5-21-2007-7-23-2007)

Attendance at worksessions:

Beccaria-69    Whiteloon-64    Hardenburgh-71    Alexander-71    Parsons-66    Koon-55  
Ruiter-53    Crampton-18    Kelsey-30

Membership is always invited to these sessions everyday.

I always want to mention that the Tribal Council and Casino will be putting on a concert by "Litefoot" he is national known for being a rap artist and movie actor. The concert is scheduled for September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2007 in the new Auditorium at 6:00 p.m.

I would also like to mention how hard our staff works everyday. Kathleen Block and Mary Bowers "We do appreciate what all you two do".

I hope you all enjoy what little left we have of summer and enjoy the sun.

Sincerely, Kimberly Alexander, Tribal Council Recorder

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From the office of the Ogema:  
We still have pocket - sized booklets of the  
Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Constitution available  
for Tribal Members.  
If you would like a booklet, please contact Angela Eagle  
in the Public Information Department  
Main line 1-231-723-8288  
Direct lines 1-231-398-6840 /1-231-398-6864  
Or email your request to [aeagle@lrboi.com](mailto:aeagle@lrboi.com)



Ogema Larry Romanelli spent a recent morning at the Muskegon Tribal offices to meet staff and hold an open session to speak with Muskegon residents about tribal issues.

While there, the Ogema toured the building and reviewed the possible uses of the various rooms for tribal activities and member services. He commented that he, "...impressed by the size of the facility and the possibilities for meetings and regular staffing."

Watch the *Rapid River News* ([www.lrboi.com](http://www.lrboi.com)) for announcements of future visits.

Stories and photos by:  
Glenn C. Zaring Director of Public Information



Judy Dodge and Ogema Romanelli



Teresa Johnson and Ogema Romanelli

Government Closes for the following Holidays

- \*New Years Day
- \*Treaty Recognition Day (March 28<sup>th</sup>)
- \*Memorial Day
- \*Independence Day
- \*Labor Day
- \*Reaffirmation Day (September 21<sup>st</sup>)
- \*Veteran's Day
- \*Thanksgiving Day
- \*Friday after Thanksgiving Day
- \*Christmas Eve Day (Half Day)
- \*Christmas Day

Some areas of the government will be continue to be available on these holidays, such as Public Safety.  
**Currents** will inform you of any scheduled closings of the Government facilities. It's always a good idea to call first if you are not sure. Just use the toll-free number of 888.723.8288.

September 2007							October 2007						
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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun
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9:00am Director Meeting (Dome Room)	10:00am Mgmt Team Meeting w/ Ogema (Dome Room)	10:00am Tribal Council Meeting (Dome Room)	10:30am Development Committee (Little River Casino)	10:00am Muschigon Construction Company (Little River Casino Resort)	10:00am Veteran's meeting (Comm Center)
1:15pm WS - Agenda Review (TC Conf Room)	1:00pm WS - Ogema/Council updates (TC Conf Room)	5:30pm Natural Resources Meeting (Natural Resource Building)	11:00am Housing Commission Meeting (Administration Building)		12:00pm Elders meeting
3:00pm Commerce Commission (Legal)					
5:30pm Enrollment Commission					
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Labor Day (United States)	10:00am WS - Gaming Commission (TC Conf Room)	10:00am Tribal Council Meeting (Dome Room)	10:30am Development Committee (Little River Casino)	10:00am Muschigon Construction Company (Little River Casino Resort)	
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Aanii,  
I hope everyone enjoyed their summer. The weather was cooperative with most of our activities. Our Membership meeting on October 6<sup>th</sup> will be held in our new 1,700 seat Event Center of the casino so members can get a first hand look at this beautiful new feature. At this meeting we will not be having potluck style, but we will instead have a buffet. The Ogema's Committee should be well on it's way at the time of this printing. The committee



will be chaired by Julia Chapman. Past Ogemaag the Elders Committee, and Binojeeuk Commission have all been asked to send

representation. The committee's charge is to look into various issues of the tribe and it's membership and offer an opinion to the Ogema based

on their findings. We have looked into ways of getting this newsletter (*Currents*) out to members more quickly, but to date, it would raise costs significantly (possibly as much as \$14,000.00) so back to the drawing board. I would like to thank the staff for their patience during my transition period and for bringing me up to speed on the many issues of the Tribe. Miigwetch, Larry

## *Elders Coming Home Conference Scheduled*

The Tribal Elders Committee has announced that the Tribal Elder's Coming Home Conference will be held on Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2007. The Conference will end on Sunday following lunch.

The Tribal Membership Meeting will be held on Saturday in the new Event Center and the Elders will meet independently on Sunday morning. The Three Fires Conference Center has been reserved for these dates.

Rooms have been reserved for Friday the 5<sup>th</sup> and Saturday the 6<sup>th</sup>. June Sam has asked that if you are planning to stay in the hotel before the 5<sup>th</sup> or after the 6<sup>th</sup> to let her know. She is working with the Casino to see that you have the same room. You will be responsible for the reservation and room cost on the extra days. The rate for travel mileage is the same as last year and only the person driving gets mileage reimbursement.

If you have questions, please contact June Sam at 1-888-723-8288 ext 6709.

**Muschigon Construction is looking for Tribal Members that are in the residential or commercial construction field and are interested in employment, please contact us @ (231)398-0800 or send your resume to Muschigon Construction, LLC**

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### Attention!

*There is one opening for the Muschigon Board of Directors if you are interested please submit a letter of interest to the Ogema's office with a copy going to the Tribal Council.*



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For more information contact:

Alyce Giltz in Human Resources

@1-888-723-8288







## Tax Office - Questions & Answers

If you have tax questions that you would like to have answered in upcoming editions of Little River Currents, please send them to: Barb Czarnecki, Tax Officer, Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, 375 River Street, Manistee, MI 49660 or email them to: [bczarnecki@lrboi.com](mailto:bczarnecki@lrboi.com).

**Question #1:** When I had my income tax returns prepared I found out that I didn't have enough withheld from my check to cover the federal income tax that I owed to the IRS. I didn't have the money to pay the tax due, so I filed it without payment. I just received a bill, from the IRS, for the full amount due plus penalty and interest.

Will they let me make payments?

**Answer #1:** IRS Form 9465 "Installment Agreement Request" is available online ([www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov)). There is also a link to "Tax Payment Options" that outlines other options for meeting your tax obligations. If you choose to request an installment agreement, be aware that there are significant extra costs involved. It is often less expensive to borrow the money from your bank or credit union. It is also very important to re-evaluate your current tax withholding amount. Otherwise you may end

up with an underpayment again next April 15<sup>th</sup>! Keep in mind that any taxable payments that you receive during the year will affect the amount of tax you owe. Most importantly; be sure to respond to your bill from the IRS. Failure to do so will result in collection action as outlined in Publication 594 "IRS Collection Process".

**Question #2:** I am a Resident Tribal Member and I just started a new job. I told my employer that I was exempt from State income tax, but he said he didn't know anything about it. What forms do I need to file so they don't withhold Michigan tax from my paycheck?

**Answer #2:** According to the Tax Agreement, "Tribal, Tribal

Member, and Tribal Entity employers located within the Agreement Area will withhold and remit to the State income tax from all employees who are not Resident Tribal Members." If your employer is a Tribal employer located in the Agreement Area, he is not required to withhold Michigan income tax from your paycheck. A Tribal W-4 form should be completed and returned to your Tribal employer who will then verify your status as a Resident Tribal Member with the Tax Office. If your employer is not a Tribal employer, there is no provision for exempting your pay from Michigan withholding tax under the Tax Agreement. You, as a Resident Tribal Member, are still exempt from Michigan Income Tax. You can file for a refund at the end of the year to get back the money that

## New Members Legal Assistance Attorney

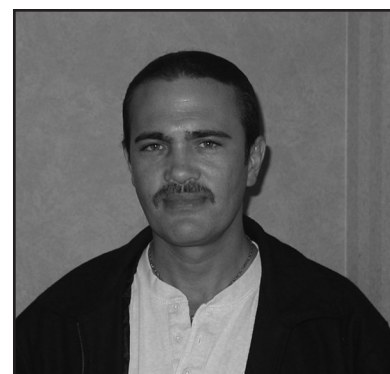


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Types of legal assistance that the members legal assistance attorney can provide:

1. Wills, durable power of attorneys, medical power of attorneys, and general estate planning for any tribal member and their spouse who resides in Michigan.
2. Parental appointment of guardianship of minor children documents for all tribal members.
3. General legal information regarding legal issues for all tribal members including assistance with drafting of legal documents.
4. Representation of low income elders in Tribal Court in civil cases that do not involve the Tribe.
5. Cannot represent any tribal member in any state court.

## Council Member shares culture with Elementary Students



Shannon Crampton  
Tribal Councilor

Tribal Council Member Shannon Crampton spoke to the Lakeland Elementary Schools fourth grade class. The following is the thank you letter sent from the Lakeland Elementary School.

Dear Mr. Crampton,  
Thank you very much for taking time out of your life to come and speak to our fourth grade classes. I really feel the things you shared with them helped the children have a better understanding of Michigan History with the Native Americans. I think us teachers learned a few things also. The artifacts and knowledge that you shared really got the kids asking some amazing questions. We asked the classes what they liked the most and a few of the

top things were... Translating animal names into Anishinaabek, learning to say, thank you, hello and goodbye. Learning about Pow -Wows learning the teachings of the Seven Grandfathers and learning about customs and ceremonies especially the naming ceremony. Some of the kids have actually continued on in learning things on the internet. I could also tell by the look on your sons face that he was very proud of who he is and who his father is. I hope that in the future you would be able to make time to speak to other classes for us. It is a great asset to have you in our community. Thank you again on behalf of the, Lakeland Elementary Fourth Grade



Food Distribution Program ( FDPIR ) was created by congress in 1977 Food Stamp Act as an alternative to the Food Stamp Program for Indian Reservations. The program offers commodities to low-income Native American households. No household may participate in both the commodity food program and food stamp program, but eligible households can switch from one program to the other at the end of each month. Eligibility and participation for FDPIR are based on application and certification requiring tribal status, income and resources qualification. In determining who is eligible to receive commodities, there is a guideline on how much income each household can have to be eligible for the program. We are Federally Funded by the USDA and they set the regulations and guidelines for commodity programs.

Guideline Eligibility Chart 2007  
Household Size    Household Income

1.	\$ 951.00
2.	\$ 1,234.00
3.	\$ 1,518.00
4.	\$ 1,806.00
5.	\$ 2,112.00
6.	\$ 2,420.00
7.	\$ 2,703.00
8.	\$ 2,986.00

For each additional member add \$ 284.00



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For more information call: 1-888-723-8288 & 231-398-6715 & 231-398-06716  
Ask for Yvonne Theodore or George Lawrence or Laurie Jackson  
Office Hours are 8:00 A.M to 5:00 P.M

National Association of Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations 20th Annual Conference

Yvonne Theodore attended  
National Association of Food  
Distribution Programs on Indian  
Reservations 20th. Annual  
Conference June 10 -15 2007 in  
San Antonio Texas Agenda :

Sunday June 10-2007  
  
Wednesday  
June 13- 2007  
9:00 - 10:00 Executive Board  
Meeting 8:00  
- 10:15 Regional Caucus Meeting  
10:00- 12:00 Committee Meeting  
10:15 - 10:30 Break  
6:30 - 9:00 Registration  
10:30 - 5:00 Work Shops  
Monday June 11 - 2007

Thursday  
June 14-2007  
  
7:00 - 4:00 Registration  
8:30 - 12:00 Work Shops  
8:00 - 10:00 NAFDPIR Business  
Session 12:00 -  
1:30 Lunch  
10:00 - 10:15 Break  
  
1:30 - 3:00

Closing Session  
10:15 - 12:00 Regional Caucus  
with FNS  
12:00 - 1:30 Lunch  
1:30 - 3:00 Opening Ceremony  
3:00 -3:00 Activity Break

3:30 - 5:30 General Session  
USDA  
6:00 Group Pictures  
6:30 Reception  
Tuesday June 12-2007  
8:30 - 10:30 General Session  
10:30 - 10:45 Break  
10:45 - 11:45 General Session  
Continued  
11:45 - 1:00 Lunch  
1:15 - 4:30 Work Shops  
4:30 Resolutions / Candidates  
  
There are 2 weeks out of the year  
of mandatory trainings / meetings  
by the USDA .





## NUTRITION AND HEALTHY EATING CLASSES TAKE CONTROL OF YOUR HEALTH

### TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED:

Identifying fats, carbohydrates and protein foods and food exchanges. Understanding food labels, food shopping and healthy choices. Healthy cooking, sugar and sugar substitutes, salt and fats in food. Eating away from home and portion sizes. Alcohol and the effects on diabetes. Evaluating diets.

### WHEN and WHERE:

Beginning in September one afternoon and one evening session offered per week. (Same topic at afternoon and evening session for a

total of 8-10 total weeks) at the Community Center in Manistee, Michigan. One afternoon session every other Thursday in Muskegon. (8-10 total sessions)

### WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

Anyone interested in changing their eating habits or becoming aware of healthy eating. Anyone who is over weight or has an over weight family member (adult or child) and wants to help make healthy changes. Diabetics, those with high blood pressure, high cholesterol and/or their family. School age

children are welcome and encouraged to come, but need to be accompanied by an adult.

If you have any questions or input on the best days to meet, please contact Holly Davis R.N., M.S.N. at 1-888-382-8299 ext. 6610 or directly at 231-398-6610.

Let's Move DVD's (low impact exercise routine) available at no charge just call 1-888-382-8299 ext. 6610 or 6629. Thanks. Holly

### Tribal Government Internships

Tribal Members interested in doing an internship with the

L.R.B.O.I. Tribal Government Office please contact:  
Sharron M. Detz  
Human Resource Director  
231-398-6706

## TRIBE TO TRIBE WALKING CHALLENGE RESULTS

I want to thank the 70 people who got their logs books in on time to be counted for the Tribe to Tribe Walking Challenge. Our final step count was 38,660,931 and we placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the challenge. While we did not win, I have received a lot of positive feedback. Families have been spending time together going for walks, elders have walked more than they thought they would be able to, people are moving and trying to improve their health.

I want to recognize the following people for logging over one million steps:

\*Myrtie Compeau (86 years old) 1,305,650 steps.

\*Her daughter Bernita Walters praised her mother for this accomplishment and quietly reported her own 1,921,467 steps.

\*Other people who logged one million steps and more include:

\*Terri Raczkowski  
1,270,489 steps,



\*Robert Chandler  
1,188,782 steps,

\*Raymond Blake  
1,130,103 steps,

\*Richard Koon  
1,114,967 steps,

\*Tianna Tyrrell  
1,114,000 steps,

\*Jan Compeau  
1,042,564 steps,

\*Jessica Vaquera  
1,042,071 steps,

\*Deb Davis 1,020,000 steps,

\*Pete Schaub 1,009,396 and

\*Angie Willis  
1,006,875 steps.

### Warrior Society

To all Warrior Society Veterans:  
Please send your name and address as it is printed in the tribal directory.

I(Al Medacco) need this to send cards letters, or materials.

Send A.S.A.P. to:

Al Medacco

2705 Townline Road

Free Soil, Michigan 49411



## HEALTHY FOODS

**Eating right** helps keep your blood glucose within your target range. It also helps you maintain a healthy weight and gives your body proper nutrients and energy. You do not have to give up all the foods you like, but you do need to follow some guidelines. Consult with your physician if you have questions.

As a general guide follow the following servings.

**Vegetables: 2 1/2 cups per day** of the following choices:

Dark green vegetables such as spinach, lettuce, kale and broccoli. Red and orange vegetables such as carrots, bell peppers or tomatoes. White and yellow vegetables such as squash and cauliflower.

**Fruits: 2 cups per day.**

Fruits to choose from: Any fruit that is fresh, frozen or canned in its own juice. Fruit juice is high in calories, so limit to no more than 1 cup per day.



**Complex carbohydrates: 6 oz per day.** Choose whole-grain breads, brown rice,

green peas, corn, whole-grain pasta or whole grain cereals.

**Note:** White bread, white rice and flour tortillas are made with processed grains which make them lose their nutrients.

**Low fat protein: 5 1/2 oz**

**per day.**

Choose lean red meat with all visible fat removed, poultry with skin removed, fish or shellfish and eggs.

**Milk and**

**dairy: Goal 3 cups per day.**

Choose from low-fat or nonfat milk, low-fat or nonfat hard cheese or cottage cheese and

## Diabetic Cooking for Kids

### Silly Spaghetti Casserole

Makes 6 servings

8 ounces uncooked spaghetti, broken in half  
1/4 cup grated Parmesan Cheese  
1/4 cup cholesterol-free egg substitute  
1/2 (10 oz) package turkey or 90% lean ground beef  
1/3 Cup chopped onion  
2 Cups prepared pasta sauce  
3/4 Cup (3oz) shredded part skim mozzarella cheese  
1 green or yellow bell pepper, cored and seeded

1. Preheat oven 350°F, Spray 8-inch square baking dish with nonstick cooking spray.
2. Cook spaghetti according to package directions. Omitting salt and oil; drain. Toss with parmesan cheese and egg substitute. Place in prepared baking dish.
3. Drain spinach in colander, squeezing out excess liquid. Spray large nonstick skillet with cooking spray. Cook turkey and onion in skillet over medium-high heat until meat is lightly

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break up meat. Drain off fat. Stir in spinach and spaghetti sauce. Spoon on top of spaghetti mixture.

4. Sprinkle with mozzarella cheese. Use small cookie cutter to cut decorative shapes from bell pepper. Place on top of cheese. Cover with foil. Bake 40 to 45 minutes or until bubbling. Let stand 10 minutes. Cut into squares.

**Nutrients per serving:** 1/6 casserole

**Calories:** 372, **Calories from fat:** 33% **Total Fat:** 14 g, **Saturated Fat:** 6g, **Cholesterol:** 75 mg, **Fiber:** 4g, **Protein:** 23g  
**Dietary Exchange:** 2 starch, 2 Vegetable, 3 Meat, 1/2 Fat



Members Assistance Department

Current Assistance Programs



Programs are available in ALL STATES with the exception of the grant funded programs as noted in program listing.

LRBOI Program Income Criteria		
Family Size	175%	3 Mthly Income
1	\$ 17,867.50	\$4,467
2	\$ 23,957.50	\$5,989
3	\$ 30,047.50	\$7,512
4	\$ 36,137.50	\$9,034
5	\$ 42,227.50	\$10,557
6	\$ 48,317.50	\$12,079
7	\$ 54,407.50	\$13,602
8	\$ 60,497.50	\$15,124

Members Assistance Program Income Guidelines

Federal Income Guideline provided by: Federal Register Part V. Department of Health and Human Services Dated January 24, 2007

**HOUSEHOLD INCOME** – Household income eligibility determination is based on three (3) months income prior to application. Applicant must provide proof of income for three months. Applicant and/or permanent household member shall complete the zero income form for periods within the three months where there is no income generated. Income requirement includes all individuals in household age 18 and older.

\*Program can be accessed by the Parent or Guardian of a member who has not reached the age of 18 or the legal guardian of a member who has been determined by a court of competent jurisdiction to require legal guardian over the person and/or affairs, provided that the guardian is not the State of Michigan or other state government. This information must be on file with the Enrollment Department.

A complete application and the supporting documents must be submitted in order to process assistance request in a timely manner. Supporting documents are listed on the cover page of the application.

Please contact the Members Assistance Department for program information and/or to request an application. Applications and Program Regulations are now available online at [www.lrboi.com](http://www.lrboi.com) Members Assistance link

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Fax 231-398-6748

\*Food Assistance Program

This program provides assistance to members who meet the eligibility requirements and are experiencing a dietary/food crisis. **Assistance is available in all states.** If you are receiving food assistance from another agency, please verify with agency to ensure accessing this program will not affect your benefits. Eligibility Requirements:  
-Tribal member is a permanent member of the household  
-Household income does not exceed the income criteria; 175% of the FPIG  
-Amount of assistance: \$300.00 per year per household; provided in three \$100.00 increments.

\*Low Income Energy Assistance Program

This program provides assistance to members who meet the eligibility requirements and are experiencing an energy crisis. Assistance may be accessed once per year up to maximum amount not to exceed \$300. **Assistance is available in all states.** Eligibility Requirements:  
-Tribal member is a permanent member of the household  
-Household income does not exceed the income criteria; 175% of the FPIG  
-Received a shut off notice from utility vendor  
-Received a denial from an outside agency for utility assistance  
-Amount of assistance: \$300.00 per year; per household.

\*Rental and Mortgage Assistance Program

This program provides assistance to members who meet the eligibility requirements and are experiencing a housing crisis. **Assistance is available in all states.** Program may be access once every two years. Eligibility Requirements:  
-Tribal member is a permanent member of the household  
-Household income does not exceed the income criteria; 175% of the FPIG  
-Received an eviction or foreclosure notice





- Received a denial from an outside agency for assistance
- Amount of assistance: Equivalent to one month’s rent or mortgage payment not to exceed \$1000 or; in the event of eviction or foreclosure amount not to exceed \$1000 to stop eviction or foreclosure proceedings.

**\*Emergency Transportation Assistance**

The Emergency Transportation Assistance Program assists members experiencing a transportation crisis. **Assistance is available in all states.** Program scope for assistance is repair or replacement of mechanical and/or electrical items required for proper vehicle operation and maintenance of safety items.

- Tribal member is a permanent member of the household
- Household income does not exceed the income criteria; 175% of the FPIG
- Vehicle ownership is in the name of the Tribal member or a residence verified permanent member of the household
- Vehicle areas in need of repair must meet the scope of the program.

Amount of assistance – Up to maximum of \$400.00 per household and applicant per year

**Elder Chore Assistance Program**

The Elder Chore Assistance assists elders age 55 and older. This program is intended to provide limited, short-term financial assistance to eligible Elder members who are disabled and are limited in their ability to perform routine household chores essential to their health and safety and have no other recourse for assistance.

There is no income requirement for this program. **Assistance is available in all states.** Elder must be a permanent member of the household and must provide proof of a permanent or temporary physical disability. Temporary disability shall be for no less than 30 days and shall be verified by documented evidence of temporary disability from a qualified mental health professional or medical professional. Permanent disability shall be verified by documented evidence from a qualified mental health professional or medical professional.

Amount of Assistance – Up to maximum of \$400.00 per household and applicant per year

**Home Repair Program**

The Home Repair Program assists home owners who meet the eligibility requirements. The program assists with the repair of existing substandard roof, electrical, heating, plumbing and weatherization. **Assistance is available in all states.** Note: Home Repair Eligibility is based on Annual Gross Income, please contact department for income criteria.

- Tribal member is a permanent member of the household and reside in home year around
- Home is located in the continental United States.
- Household income does not exceed the income criteria; program income guideline is based on annual gross income.
- Ownership of home is in the name of the Tribal member.
- Home areas in need of repair meet the definition of substandard condition.
- Home owners insurance, property taxes and mortgage payments must be up to date and in good standing
- Amount of assistance: Up to maximum of \$7500.00 per household

**~THE FOLLOWING ARE GRANT FUNDED PROGRAMS AVAILABLE TO THE NINE COUNTY SERVICE AREAS OF MICHIGAN~**

**\*LIHEAP**

**Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (Heat Source – Natural Gas, Propane, Electric, Coal, Fuel Oil and Wood)**

This is a grant funded program to provide assistance to members who meet the eligibility requirements and are experiencing a heating crisis and live in the 9 county service areas in Michigan. (Kent, Lake, Manistee, Mason, Muskegon, Newaygo, Oceana, Ottawa and Wexford)

- Amount of assistance varies according to individual income level, number of family members and available funding.
- Priority is given to Elders, Disabled and Single parents of young children.
- Eligible if someone in the household is receiving SSI benefits or are receiving Food Stamps

**Well and Septic Program**

The Well and Septic is an Indian Health Services (IHS) funded program. This program promotes health and safety for our tribal members by providing new or renovated sanitation facilities (Well and Septic).This program is available in the nine county service areas, there is no income requirement. Applicant must be;

- Enrolled member of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians.
- Reside in the nine county service areas (Kent, Lake, Manistee, Mason, Muskegon, Newaygo, Oceana, Ottawa and Wexford)
- Home must be the primary residence of applicant – (Reside in year around)
- Ownership of home/site must be in the tribal member’s name.
- Project Site meets the I.H.S Eligibility Requirements.
- Assistance is seasonal and limited to available funding.



**Office of the Members Assistance Department**

November 1st the deadline for submission of the FY2007 Community Wellbeing and Support Survey. Surveys received after this date will not be accepted.

Please contact the Members Assistance Department if you have questions.

**\*Note-** The FY2007 CWS survey was mailed on February 2<sup>nd</sup> of this year.

This is not a new survey.

Thank-you

**Lee A. Ivinson**

**Members Assistance Coordinator**



Members Assistance  
Department Staff



## "Our Chiefs wrote in Ojibwe", Language Camp 2007

The 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Anishinaabe Language & Culture Camp took place Wenesh pii, July 27<sup>th</sup> through 29<sup>th</sup> at the Gathering Grounds in Manistee. The popular annual camp is sponsored by the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians of the Anishinaabe Nation and it once again proved the desire of many people to further the study and practice of our culture and language.

The lead Language Instructor for LRBOI, Kenny Pheasant along with



Kenny Pheasant

the Historical Department of the tribal government and lots of volunteers, once again brought together a fun, educational and informative event. Over 600 people attended the 3 day camp and they came from many places. They came from the 9 counties and from Michigan, Ohio, Minnesota, California, Oklahoma, Illinois, Florida, Massachusetts, Wisconsin and Ontario.

In 2005, Kenny wrote that, "My purpose for beginning the Language Camp," he added, "came out of my feelings being hurt that a lot of people did not know words that I thought they should know, basic words such as: Sema (tobacco), kiishig (cedar), Mshkadewask (sage), Wiingash (sweet grass), the four sacred medicines. Therefore, I started teaching the basic words that applied

to our culture. That is when I came up with an idea... I should come up with an event where people can come in and experience a weekend... where they can participate in language activities and cultural actives at least once a year."

The 2007 camp once again proved that Kenny's vision was truly inspired. On the opening day over 400 people started the whole event with a pipe ceremony and song from Elder *Sugar Bear* (Wapole Island), Elder Joe Kelsey making a presentation to Kenny and much more.

The accompanying photos show various events and some of the presenters for the different classes. Here is a list of the

presenters for this year's camp. We say, "Kchi-miigwetch" to them all for their assistance and teachings. (insert names of presenters).

Next year's camp is scheduled for July 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, 2008. For more information, please call Terri Raczkowski at 1-888-723-8288 ext. 2221.



Joe Kelsey and Kenny Pheasant



Jessica Burger, Holly Davis, and Sandy Lewis



Ogema Romanelli



Registration



Childrens project



Lila Debres



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Sugar Bear



Jay Sam, Ogema Romanelli, Joan Chandler, Melanie Ceplina



## Chii Miigwetch to the teachers !

- Martina Osawamick / How flowers came to
- Alan Corbiere / Our clans
- Cynthia Bell / Learning to sing
- Michael Cywink / Arts of Manitoulin
- Carla McFall / Games you can play at home
- Helen Roy / Seeing, doing & speaking
- James Shawana / Adwegankedaa- Let's make a drum
- Verna Hardwick / Our culture
- Doris Boissoneau / Verb bingo
- Carrie Leasureaux / Bracelet making & games





# Native Peoples working group

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## Wildlife Management Projects Great Lakes Region

A goal of the Native Peoples Wildlife Mgmt working group is to promote native projects that benefit wildlife resources for native people. The Working Group strives to increase awareness and appreciation of the viewpoints of native people regarding wildlife and wildlife management. We aim to promote research and update working group members on projects taking place in Indian Country, this newsletter will serve as a vehicle to inform WG members on ongoing projects taking place in the native community. Each newsletter will focus on research taking place in a particular region. This edition of the newsletter will focus on research taking place in the Great Lakes Region.

## Development of a comprehensive management plan for White Tail Deer (Wawaashkesh) on Tribal Lands of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians



White-tailed deer (*Odocoileus virginianus*) is among the most visible and ecologically-important wildlife species in all of North America. This is especially true for the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians who also reveres Wawaashkesh as one of their most important cultural indicators and the reason behind an extensive new management plan underway to further their understanding of a species which is vital to their existence.

Overabundant populations of deer can cost millions of dollars in damages annually via deer-automobile collisions; agricultural losses as well as in drastic reductions of plant biomass and biodiversity in forest ecosystems. Deer are undoubtedly important to all walks of life in North America. Deer are the most hunted big game species on the continent, and thousands of wildlife watchers enjoy observing these graceful animals in fields and forests.

Management of deer populations is not an easy process and requires the collection of a vast amount of ecological data and the subsequent assembly of such information into a comprehensive management plan. This research

will be used as a planning tool to focus deer and vegetation management activities to benefit deer, humans, and the ecosystem.

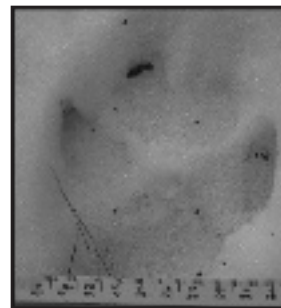
The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians deer management



plan is comprised of the following 5 objectives: (1) develop a deer abundance monitoring program to allow future tracking of population trends; (2) capture and radiocollar deer to quantify home ranges, habitat use, and survival rates; (3) create a population model to predict deer abundance trends and response to harvest management; (4) quantify deer-vegetation interactions to determine potential deer impact on the ecosystem; and (5) develop a management plan consisting of sound management recommendations to balance tribal needs and those of deer and the ecosystem.

The end results of this project extend beyond those of just the Tribe, given the importance of deer to all humans and the ecosystem alike. The management plan will guide the Tribe in its steps to forward effective management of the shared natural resources. The project will also assist tribal wildlife biologists into making comprehensive recommendations for future deer management initiatives. Most importantly, successful deer and forest management will bring the interrelatedness of humans, deer and the forest back into a state of balance that has long been lost. For more information regarding this project contact Nate Svoboda at [nsvoboda@lrboi.com](mailto:nsvoboda@lrboi.com).

## Wolf (Mahinganaag) recovery in the changing landscapes of the Great Lakes Region.



As wolf numbers begin to rise in Michigan's Upper Peninsula (UP), researchers believe that they may again soon be howling in the Lower Peninsula. Given sufficient public tolerance, it is likely that wolves will disperse from the UP and establish territories in portions of Michigan's Northern Lower Peninsula (NLP). As part of a 2005 U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service grant awarded to Michigan's Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians (LTBBOI), a study of wolf status in the NLP is being conducted in collaboration with Central Michigan University (CMU). This study will eventually aid in the creation of a comprehensive management plan for wolves on Michigan's tribally ceded territories.

In order to create a management plan, LTBBOI researchers and CMU graduate student Heather Stricker are conducting sign surveys throughout portions of the NLP identified as suitable habitat by a previous model (Gehring and Potter 2005). The main objectives of Stricker's research are to 1) research and model current wolf status; 2) use current available data in conjunction with a land transformation model to create a predictive model of future wolf

outreach and education to promote tolerance and coexistence with wolves.

Determining current wolf status in the NLP will require gathering field data in the form of winter track surveys and summer howl and camera surveys. Field data will be incorporated into a Geographic Information System (GIS) and used to model current wolf status in Michigan's NLP. Future potential for wolf distribution in the Great Lakes Region will then be modeled using GIS, empirical data and land use predictive models. Collectively, these models should provide sufficient information to managers for creating suitable management plans for current and future wolf conservation in the Great Lakes Region. For more information on this project please contact: Heather

Stricker Central Michigan University at:  
[stria1hk@cmich.edu](mailto:stria1hk@cmich.edu)

## Status of Black Bear (Mwka) in Northwestern Counties of Michigan's Lower Peninsula



A primary concern of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians (LRBOI) is the status of black bear in the northwestern counties of Michigan's Lower Peninsula. Traditionally the LRBOI relied on this land and water to provide the foods, medicines, tools, and shelter necessary for everyday life. Presently, there is limited current or historical data compiled on the status of black bears in these areas. Special concern to the LRBOI is the continuing loss and fragmentation of suitable black bear habitat (particularly in the northern Lower Peninsula) due to human development. In recent years, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources has opened additional counties to black bear hunting in the northwestern Lower Peninsula within the LRBOI 1836 Reservation and Tribal ceded territories. The LRBOI goal is to ensure long-term viability of black bears through comprehensive research, monitoring, management, and education.



Throughout this project data will be gathered on black bear population size, genetic diversity and habitat use allowing for continued monitoring and management of populations and habitats within the 1836 Ceded Territory. This research will provide information to evaluate the viability of black bear populations and will contribute to current and future monitoring and management efforts. This research will ensure continued protection of critical habitats ensuring continued cultural use, wildlife viewing, enjoyment, and subsistence harvest opportunities of black bears. The goals set forth in this project include: estimate black bear population size and genetic diversity in northern Lower Peninsula, build the Tribes capacity to make scientifically

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based management decisions in order to maintain healthy and sustainable black bear populations within the LRBOI 1836 and 1855 Reservations that ensure continued cultural use, wildlife viewing opportunities, and subsistence harvesting opportunities and compile information on black bear habitat use to determine ecological health on reservation lands and on lands ceded to the United States in the Washington Treaty of 1836.

## Black Bear (Mkwa)

*This story was contributed by Pamela Medacco Tribal Elder Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, 1998*

Long ago the Gitchi Manitu (Creator) offered the clan system to provide leadership and to care for these needs. There were seven original clans and each clan was known by its animal emblem. The animal emblem symbolized the strength and duties of the clan. The bear is of the west, the place of darkness, dreams, and the home of the Thunder Beings. "Strong of body, heart, love, and spirit." The medicine of the great bear is among the strongest, and most endurable, known to our people. The bear is among the survivors of the great deluge, at the beginning of time as we are told. Bear medicine is that of the herbal knowledge, of patience, understanding, and learning.

Although the bear may seem slow, awkward, and unintelligent, unfortunately for those who see only with their eyes, the bear is neither slow, awkward nor unintelligent, as any genuine hunter will testify. The bear wastes nothing. He is an avid hunter and fisherman when hungry; a clown when he feels it, and a good parent and provider for his family. The bear is a powerful friend with very positive medicine, and a dangerous enemy to those who would abuse him. He does not intimidate those who seek his medicine in a right and respectful manner. He willingly teaches. Those, who seek his medicine for ill purposes, seek great and fatal danger for themselves.

Bear has great healing power given by Creator, which we are capable of learning. We must first learn, how to learn from our four leg brother, and then we must learn how to apply that knowledge in a healing way. We must allow ourselves, our spirits, and our bodies to be healed. Thus, we gain the medicine to help others.

Our brother, the bear, lives his life in a natural way, with great love, respect, integrity, and honor for all living things. He knows that there is time enough for everything in his life, and there is enough of everything in life for everyone, gifted to us all by the Creator. Perhaps, herein lies part of the great secret of bear's medicine, or prolonging all life. Bear's power comes from the understanding that he has no control of many things, yet,

lives in balance with all things. He knows to seek shelter of his lodge when the Nimkeek (thunder) people walk upon our Mother Earth. He gathers and stores what he needs in the late summer and fall, relaxes in the winter, and awakens to a new and vibrant world in the spring. We can learn much from this which prolongs life.

~Pamela Medacco

For more information on this project contact: Mark Knee at [mknee@lrboi.com](mailto:mknee@lrboi.com) or 231-398-2187.

## Cooperative Moose Management and research in the 1854 Ceded Territory

The 1854 Treaty Authority, along with its partners from the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and the U.S. Geological Survey, initiated a research project examining 1854 Ceded Territory moose

population dynamics in 2002. Annual moose hunts in the region are managed by three different jurisdictions. State licensed hunters may apply for a once in a lifetime hunt managed by the State. Annual, regulated subsistence hunting is managed by the Fond du Lac Band for its band members and members of the Bois Forte and Grand Portage bands of Lake Superior Chippewa are eligible to participate in a hunt conducted by the 1854 Treaty Authority.

The research project was initiated in 2002 with the basic goal of determining the rates and, if possible, causes of non-hunting mortality in the herd. Secondary goals were to gather information on calf production, movements and habitat use. At that time, estimates from the annual aerial survey indicated that the herd was fairly stable. Modeling efforts, using our known data on hunting harvests (~ 5% of annual population estimate) and non-hunting mortality rates (8-12%) from other North American moose populations, suggested that the

herd should actually be on an upward trend rather than holding stable.

Since the study's inception, we have placed radio collars on 114 moose. Animals were captured both by net gunning and chemical immobilization (helicopter darting). In addition to placing collars on the animals, blood samples were drawn to allow testing for pregnancy (cows) and exposure to various diseases and parasites. We also took a tooth allowing us to get an age on the study animals. A portable ultrasound was used to measure rump fat thickness and get an idea of their condition at the time of capture (February and March).

To say the least, results from the study have been interesting. From 2002 to 2006, non-hunting mortality rates (combined for bulls and cows) have ranged from 9% in 2004 to 34% in 2006. Only in 2004 was the non-hunting mortality rate within the range of that reported in the literature for other North American herds. Across the 5 year period the non-hunting mortality rate has averaged nearly 23%. Recent population estimates and modeling with mortality rates collected from this study suggest that the herd may now be starting to decline. Biologists and managers from the State and tribal natural resources departments are closely monitoring the information and hope to continue to find funding to maintain this study.

While we have been able to get good information on mortality rates, causes have been much more difficult to pin down. Wolves have taken a few animals and some moose have been killed by vehicles, but the majority of the mortalities remain unexplained. Going into the study we expected to find some mortality related to brainworm (a parasite carried



by whitetails, often fatal to moose) and winter ticks (excessive grooming to remove heavy tick infestations can leave moose vulnerable to exposure in cold, late springs). However, we have seen

unexplained mortalities at nearly every point throughout the calendar year. Most of these are characterized by poor body condition, and despite numerous post-mortem tests we simply don't know what is behind the death of the majority of the animals.

On the bright side, we have collected a wealth of information on movements and habitat use, much of which remains to be analyzed. We also have been able to improve our accuracy in conducting the annual survey by having known collared animals on the landscape to check our ability to spot them during surveys. Additionally, since we now have collars on cow moose, we have been able to get some information on calf production and survival for the first time in this herd. In the past the only information that we had on calf production was from cow:calf ratios observed during the annual survey, 6 months after calves were born, with no idea of how many calves actually were born.

If you are interested in learning more about this project please feel free to contact

Andy Edwards ([aedwards@1854treatyauthority.org](mailto:aedwards@1854treatyauthority.org)),

Mike Schrage ([mikeschrage@fdlrez.com](mailto:mikeschrage@fdlrez.com)), or

Mark Lenarz ([mark.lenarz@dnr.state.mn.us](mailto:mark.lenarz@dnr.state.mn.us)).



See Next Months Issue For the Bobcat and Eagle Programs

## New Look for Currents!

As you might have noticed, your Currents newspaper has a new look on the front and back pages. We had a graphic artist work up some new designs that we will be running over the summer for this portion of the paper. By the way, this particular piece in a newspaper is called a "Masthead."

Here's the good part for you! We would like your feedback on the new designs. If you like them; don't like them, think they are great or think they are terrible...we want to hear from you! Everyone who sends in a comment about the new look will be entered for a drawing in September for a \$50 gift certificate. Just send your thoughts on the new art to [currentscomments.com](http://currentscomments.com).

The Currents has been using the same one for almost three years now and we thought something fresh might be nice! Thank you for working with us to pick the one you like!





# Members News

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## Young Eagles Program



On June 9<sup>th</sup> in Cadillac, Michigan the EAA held their annual Young Eagles program. To give you a little background, the EAA is The Experimental Aircraft Association which is an international aviation membership association founded in 1953. The headquarters is in Oshkosh, Wisconsin as well as the AirVenture Museum. They also hold one of the largest general aviation events, the EAA AirVenture Oshkosh Fly-in, which draws in more than 700,000 people and 10,000 aircraft to the area every summer.

The Young Eagles program was launched in 1992 to give youth who are interested in aviation a unique flight experience.

Young people between the ages of 8 and 17 are first given a overview of aeronautical chart/map to assist them in identifying

reference points that may been seen throughout the flight. In preparation of the flight there is "walk around" or a careful preflight inspection that points out the part of the plan and what they do. Once that is completed they are ready to go flying. On this day there were three volunteers with their planes that provided the flights for the participants and it was a fine day for flying. Most flights lasted from 10 to 15 minutes and during that time the pilot and co-pilot (participant) flew over the greater Cadillac area including Lake Cadillac and Lake Mitchell. Many of the participants brought cameras with a few bringing video cameras to capture the experience. Once on the ground the participants were presented with an official Young Eagles certificate which is signed by the pilot and the

Chairman of the EAA. To further add to the already exciting day each participant is added to the world's largest log book and will have their name included on a plaque that will be at the AirVenture Museum.

This was the perfect family outing, allowing the entire family to participate in map reading and pre-flight as well as the flight- if the parents wanted to. Families can use outings such as this one to reconnect with each other and possibly learn something new.

There was no charge for any part of this program which, for most, is great for the household budget.

You can get more information by accessing the Young Eagles website at [www.youngeagles.org](http://www.youngeagles.org). The site will give you additional information on future Young Eagle programs that are being held all over the United States. It also contains information on other youth programs, scholarships and internships for those interested in

aviation. This opportunity would not be here if not for the dedicated volunteer pilots/EAA members that show their passion for flying to all that participate.

Angie Turner- Family Services  
Department



## Boundary Waters

Hey All, Glenn asked me to write about my beautiful trip in the Boundary Waters. It was amazing, and peaceful for everyone. I would say if you are looking for a place to get away and really get to know yourself and your creator, then the Boundary Waters are screaming your name. My name is Christine and want to show you some of the beauty that I have seen and that others have seen also.



This is a mark from the Cherokee Indians. It is just a bit of history that is so beautiful.



This is a Rapid that is hidden behind the trees but it is so beautiful. We explored it more and the further back we went the more it amazed us.

There were several more things like wild life and the view around you is just amazing. I saw eagles, otters. Some have the chance to see bear and moose. I would say if you really want a trip with a beautiful view, wonderful wild life and the chance to find your inner self and your creator then plan a trip the northern Minnesota and go to the Boundary waters.



# Family Services

## What Is Self-Esteem?

It's how you feel about yourself- about your worth as a person and your ability to meet the challenges of life. A person may have different feelings about him- herself, depending on:

### The Different Roles He or She Plays In Life-

A person may have different feelings about his or her worth and abilities:

- Some people are confident about their jobs and do not question their future employment there. Others may feel insecure and will worry if they will keep their jobs.
- Some people feel stable and secure in their home life. Others feel they cannot cope with the everyday aspects of their relationships and responsibilities.
- Some people may enjoy the academic atmosphere and the social challenges in the school setting. Others lack confidence in their abilities.
- Some people may feel comfortable around lots of people, while others have trouble starting conversations.

### His or her varied personal qualities-

For example, a person may have different feelings about his or her:

- Appearance: Some people are confident in how they look, while others focus on what they see as "flaws" in their appearance.
- Intelligence: Some people are confident in their knowledge, while others feel self-conscious about how much they know or how much education they've had.
- Romantic Appeal: Some people may see themselves as attractive, while others may feel no one would be interested in them.

Your Self-Esteem is made up of these many different views. The more positive views you have, the higher your self-esteem. Many people are used to focusing so much on what they don't like about themselves that they forget they have many positive qualities. Better Self-Esteem could help make your life better for not only you but the people around you. Being comfortable in your own skin helps you create better relationships. See how your self-esteem is affecting your life and your family. The first step in change your self-esteem is looking at how you view yourself. These questions can help you get started. Write Yes or No on the line after each question.

1. Do you feel easily hurt by criticism? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Are you shy or to aggressive? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Do you hide how you feel from other People? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Are you afraid to have close relationships? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Do you blame your mistakes on other people? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Do you try to avoid new experiences? \_\_\_\_\_
7. Do you wish you could change how you look? \_\_\_\_\_
8. Do you avoid sharing personal success with others? \_\_\_\_\_
9. Do you feel glad when other people fail? \_\_\_\_\_
10. Do you look for excuses not to change? \_\_\_\_\_

If you answered yes to most of these questions, your self esteem could probably use improvement.

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Think about it

Everybody's self-esteem is created when we are children. Those that have a low self-esteem may view themselves based on past experiences. If as children we were criticized for what we said or were not acknowledged when we spoke as adults we may feel that our opinion may not matter. Being aware of our personal view of ourselves can help us to create a truer picture. Look at the positive views of yourself and use those to improve your overall view. Look at the negative views of yourself, see how it affects how you feel and work to change it.

Keep watching Currents for more information and activities for self-care & self improvement

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***The following letter to the editor from Mr. Gerry Mayer of Ludington recently ran in both the Manistee News Advocate and the Ludington Daily News and is indicative of some of the problems in perception and racism that we face daily in Indian Country. The excellent response letter printed below from Tribal Member Bob Davis was run in both newspapers.”***

## Fishing nets should be removed

To the editor,  
I read the recent news articles regarding Native American fishing nets and the proposed casino sponsorship of the Manistee Salmon Splash Tournament. The problem affects all of the Great Lakes states, the western U.S., Canada, and many other states. Unfortunately, the entire situation has become steadily worse and more controversial in the last 30 years.  
I will, hereafter, refer to the Native Americans as “Indians,” since nearly all of us Caucasians, Afro Americans, Hispanics, Asians and others, here are now referred to as Native Americans. Fortunately, there has been a steady improvement in race relations in these other groups. They have been willing to follow U.S. regulations and laws. The Indians have not been willing to do this; even through they were given full U.S. citizenship in 1924. Since that time, they have insisted on having dual citizenship, enjoying the benefits of each and ignoring several U.S. laws. Federal tax dollars help promote and finance this situation while the states have had to “put up with it.” The majority of Indian nets and fishing boats are federally funded. Our tax dollars also pay the federal attorneys who challenge our state attorneys.  
Certainly, the 1836 treaty did not apply to casinos, modern powerboats, and miles of nylon nets, refrigeration and the use of our super highways to transport their fish. The non Indians’ in Ludington, Manistee, and a host of other U.S. areas are experiencing discrimination because of their race people that are as little as one-eighth or less Indian and seven - eighths non-Indian are considered Indians. They then are eligible for special benefits such as huge fishing nets, out- of-season hunting, college tuition, housing, financial aid and permission to build huge profit-making casinos. What fraction makes a person “non-Indian?”

The profit, from the Little River Casino slot machines alone, averages nearly \$100 million per year. What an extreme example of racial inequality. It is no wonder that the sports fishing boats in Manistee refused the casino money to finance their fishing tournament. How many generations will it take for all of us to receive equal treatment? They have been approximately eight generations in the 171 years since the 1836 Indian treaty. Should the present U.S. citizens continue to repay the Indians for the land that the federal government took many years ago? The land in nearly all countries around the world has changed hands many times in history. The original people rarely have been compensated and never year after year for decades.  
Many different Indian Tribes, by force, took large parcels of land from other tribes. Who originally owned the land and the lakes? No one really knows. Most of the well-known Indian Chiefs had many notches on their weapons, representing the conquest of other Indians in numerous Indian Wars. We have already spent large amounts of money in an attempt to repay these people. Haven’t we completed our obligation? When is enough, enough? The Indians can continue to enjoy most of their “heritage” without continuing to receive special treatment. Outdated treaties can, and should be terminated. It is time for all of us to be Native Americans with the same obligations, rights and privileges. Lets stop the double standards. Indian nets should be removed now. Negotiations, compromises and “longstanding business partnerships” between the Indians and the rest of the U.S. citizens are not the solution.

Gerry Mayer, Ludington

## Tribal Member Response

To the editor;

I recently read a letter to the editor published in the Manistee News Advocate on July 26, 2007 by Gerry Mayer. All people have the right to voice their opinion, which should be heard and respected even though it may be disagreeable. However, I found the article by Mr. Mayer insulting and more importantly, inaccurate. From my perspective, it would be a good thing if a person speaking with such contempt at least had a somewhat accurate picture from which to base their opinion. So, let me begin.

First of all, Mr. Mayer states

“People that are as little as one-eighth or less Indian and seven-eighths non-Indian are considered Indians.” This statement is incorrect. To be federally recognized as a Native American, one must prove that he or she is at least of one-fourth Native American descent. While providing proof of Native American descent seems simple, it is actually very difficult. There are few written records of births, marriages and deaths within Native American history. In fact, many Native Americans are excluded from claiming their heritage because of these constraints.

Secondly, Mr. Mayer states other race-based groups “have been willing to follow U.S. regulations and laws. The Indians have not been willing to do this, even though they were given full U.S. citizenship in 1924.” His statements couldn’t be farther from the truth. In fact, Native Americans must comply with Federal law. Hunting and fishing rights by Michigan’s Native Americans were retained as part of the 1836 Treaty of Washington in which almost 14 million acres of land in northern Michigan, 38% of Michigan’s landmass, were relinquished to the Federal government. These rights have been confirmed in the U.S. Supreme Court on several different occasions. The right to fish commercially was upheld and agreed to in the 2000 Consent Decree between northern Michigan Tribes and the State of Michigan.

Mr. Mayer goes on to state “Certainly the 1836 Indian fish and wildlife treaty did not apply to casinos, boats, miles of nylon nets, refrigeration and the use of our super highways to transport their fish.” My question is; when did non-Native Americans take sole ownership of these super highways? Let me kindly remind you that Native Americans and their enterprises pay taxes too. In fact, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians alone have made total contributions to the State of Michigan of over \$ 27.5 million in addition to \$ 13 million to local area authorities from 1999 through 2006. In 2006, alone, the Tribe paid property taxes of \$ 173,000, had an annual Tribal payroll of almost \$ 28 million for the services of 1200 local residents, and \$ 50 million of goods were purchased – of which over \$ 6 million went to local businesses. Additionally, over \$ 300,000 of charitable

contributions were donated in 2006, primarily by the Little River Casino and Resort. That may not look like much if you believe another of Mr. Mayer’s inaccurate statements. He stated, “ The profit, from the Little River Casino slot machines alone, averages nearly \$100 million per year.” In fact, the total profit is only a fraction of that figure. One can only assume that Mr. Mayer arrived at the \$100 million figure by his misconception of how the payment to local authorities is calculated. In fact, two percent of slot machine play (before any costs of operations etc. are deducted) is the actual amount paid to local authorities, not two percent of the profit! Considering the economic impact of just one Tribe in the State of Michigan let me ask Mr. Mayer, do you really want to end “longstanding business partnerships between the Indians and the rest of U.S. citizens” as you assert in your final comments? Finally, Mr. Mayer wrote, “How many generations will it take for us to receive equal treatment? There have been approximately eight generations in the 171 years since the 1836 Indian Treaty.” Mr. Mayer is correct in that 171 years have passed since the 1836 Treaty of Washington. However, not one of those generations of “Indians” received fair and equal treatment from the U.S. Government. In fact, from 1893 until 1933, Native American children of elementary school age were removed from their families through intimidation and brute force to attend the Mt. Pleasant Indian School and other military type schools around the country. After leaving school they were “placed” in minimal jobs against their will and tracked as though they had committed some sort of crime to continue the Federal governments goal of “assimilation”. Is that the kind of equal treatment Mr. Mayer is seeking? I assume not. In fact, many Native American treaty rights are just now being upheld and only after long courtroom battles. Since Mr. Mayer advocates the idea that “outdated treaties can and should be terminated” what would he say about the 1848 Treaty with Mexico, the Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty of 1969, or the 1949 North Atlantic Treaty that created NATO? My point is the treaty is not the issue. Fishing is the issue, so let’s work together to try and make it work. Let’s start by examining facts, not biased misinformation.

Robert Davis  
Manistee, Michigan





## So, how's the newspaper work?

The September issue of the **Currents** is the 36<sup>th</sup> issue produced since the Public Information Department was formed in 2004 as part of the Executive Branch. By Council Resolution, the department is to prepare and distribute a tribal newspaper to the membership by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month. We thought you, the Tribal Citizens should know a bit about how the paper is produced.

**How do we get articles?** Some government departments regularly submit articles for the newspaper. An example would be the great information from Commodities, Members Assistance or the Tax Office. The Historical Department also regularly submits items dealing with their area. Others departments will submit items of interest for an article as they come up. Most times the Public Information Director will photograph events from these departments to help tell their story. Examples would be the photographs of the Community Garden project, Jiingtamok, the Birdhouse Building project, Snowsnake Races and that sort of

event. By Resolution, the Ogema and the Council are required to submit information to the **Currents** each month as well.

Occasionally, Tribal Members or other outside organizations such as CORA or the MSU Extension will submit material and photographs for the newspaper. There is even a program for interns to participate in the program to get college credit. Tribal member Samantha Zenter just recently completed one such internship to help complete her degree from Grand Valley State University.

A big part of the work of the Public Information Department is to actually go out and cover events as journalists. We gather the facts, do the interviews, take the photos and write the stories. In cases where people are being quoted on issues of importance, they are given the opportunity to review the stories for accuracy prior to publication. However, the contents of the **Currents** are not reviewed or 'approved' by anyone outside of the Public Information Department before publication.

**Then what?** Once all the stories, photos, ads, personal announcements, event announcements, committee reports and everything are in to the department, we start putting the pieces together to make the newspaper. Think of it like a giant word puzzle! We have to decide what goes where and how much space to devote to stories. This is a major undertaking every month and it takes a lot of time from the two-person department. Everything is assembled in a computer program/file so that it can be delivered (electronically) to the printer who prints our paper over in Big Rapids, Michigan.

**What's next?** Then the Enrollment Department provides a label list of members to receive the newspaper. These are separated by zip code groups. Once the papers are delivered, the Dome Room becomes the assembly line for one day where almost 3000 individual

labels are hand-applied to newspapers, which are then gathered into zip code groups, separately bagged and prepared for delivery to the Post Office. Occasionally we will have someone help apply the labels, but it is usually done by 1-2 people every month. Once they're ready, the department Admin, goes to the post office to do the paperwork for the month. When that's done, the Maintenance Department picks up and delivers the heavy bags of papers to the Post Office for mailing.

While this is going on, the Department Director distributes bundles of the newspaper to the various 'news stands' in the Government buildings. He usually hand delivers 300-400 copies each month. At this same time, the Admin distributes by mail approximately 100 copies to non-members who regularly receive the newspaper at the direction of the Ogema, Council or others.

...and then the whole process starts over again for the next month! That's how your **Currents** is produced, processed and sent to you!

### Corrections

In last month's issue of the **Currents** we inadvertently left out credit for some of the outstanding photos of the 2007 Jiingtamok. Our very own Tribal Member Melissa Zelenek, who is a professional photographer, provided some photos such as the "Men's traditional dancer "Big Bear and Little Bear" for the paper. On occasion Melissa has also provided photos of other tribal meetings and personalities. Thanks to Melissa and be sure to go to her website for more great photos.

Also, in the fishing story on page 13, we would like to correct the story to show that our Natural Resources Commission is not part of the discussions started by the Counties Economic Development Office.

### A Thank you Note from Sally Jobs



To whom it may concern:

I wish to thank **all** who allowed me the honor to be the head female dancer at this years "Jiingtamok".

A special miigwetch, to Kenny Pheasant, who helped guide us and gave me a very special gift that I will cherish and carry with me when I dance, and to Marty Wabindato who it has always been a pleasure dancing with.

I hope to see everyone at next's years pow-wow where we will "Swing and Sway , the Anishinaabe way"

Sally Jobs

### Meet the Little River Currents Staff

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The Public Information Department welcomes submissions for our "Letters to the Editor" section of the newspaper, but we will not run libelous, slanderous or defamatory statements due to a long-standing department policy.

We will also not knowingly run information that is incorrect.

We reserve the right to edit any material submitted for space and content.

The deadline for submissions to the Little River Currents is the first of the month.

You can e-mail, fax or call your submissions in.

Please e-mail submissions to: [aeagle@lrboi.com](mailto:aeagle@lrboi.com), fax them to 231-723-6863 or call the department at 231.398.6840.

Please only call in your submissions if they are short.

We also welcome comments, suggestions and story ideas using the submissions form found on the pages of the Little River Currents.





## Casino challenge rejected Court of Appeals dismisses last legal hurdle to planned facility near Battle Creek

Supporters of a \$270 million casino in Calhoun County are looking forward to breaking ground, after winning what they believe was their final legal battle Tuesday. The U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia dismissed the last legal challenge to the FireKeepers Casino planned for Emmett Township near Battle Creek. “This is really it. There are no more appeals,” Nottawaseppi Huron Band of Potawatomi spokesman Tom Shields said Tuesday. Citizens Exposing Truth About Casinos had sued to block the FireKeepers Casino, challenging whether the parcel of land where it would be built qualified for such use under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act. Neither David Moore, leader of the opposition group, nor attorneys with

the Grand Rapids firm Warner Norcross & Judd LLP could be reached Tuesday. Their only legal recourse to the appeals court ruling would be to appeal it to the U.S. Supreme Court. “It’s been eight years of delays,” Shields said of the legal battle over the casino. “I think there was relief initially, but now it’s just anticipation for what lies ahead,” he said of reaction Tuesday’s ruling. “The tribe always expected to win,” Shields said. Huron Band Tribal Chairperson Laura W. Spurr said in a prepared statement: “We are one step closer to

self sufficiency -- One step closer to providing housing, health care and educational opportunities for our tribal members.” There are about 800 tribal members of the Huron Band. Its FireKeepers Casino is expected to create about 2,500 jobs, according to the tribe. Construction is expected to start this fall and to take about a year to complete. FireKeepers is one of three Native American casinos planned or under construction within about a 90-minute of Kalamazoo. The \$400 million Four Winds Casino Resort of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians is scheduled to open in August in New Buffalo Township. The \$200 million Gun Lake Casino of the Gun Lake -- Match-E-Be-Nash-

E-Wish -- Band of Pottawatomi Indians planned near Wayland is on hold pending a federal appeals court ruling on a challenge by opponents.  
(Reprinted courtesy Kalamazoo Gazette)  
( Article written by Sarita Chourey)

### SagChips ANNOUNCE HUGE RESORT EXPANSION PLANS

A massive, future expansion of the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort complex in Mt. Pleasant announced August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2007 would dwarf the current size of the facility, already one of the largest casinos in the eastern United States.

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribal Council revealed a “vision” of the future of the entertainment and gaming complex to its members at a community meeting Thursday. Maps of the development show the future complex covering more than 600 acres with three new hotel/casinos, and additional hotel, a theme park, a water park, retail development and even an indoor ski hill.

What’s not clear is when the project might be built. In a statement, the Tribe said negotiations are currently taking place to make this vision a reality.

At the end of July, the Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians opened their new ODAWA Casino in Petosky and the 1<sup>st</sup> of August the Gun Lake Band opened their new casino in New Buffalo near the Indiana/Michigan border.

#### Housing Commission Meeting Dates for 2007

- September 6, 2007
- September 13, 2007
- September 20, 2007
- September 27, 2007
- October 4, 2007
- October 11, 2007
- October 18, 2007
- October 25, 2007

*In the winter months on Thursday’s if school is closed in Manistee, there will be no meeting.*

#### Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Housing Department

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| November 15, 2007 | December 20, 2007 |
| Thanksgiving Day  | December 27, 2007 |
| November 29, 2007 |                   |

The Public Museum in partnership with the Native American  
Community invite you to:

#### THE 5<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL TRADITIONAL POWWOW

“ALONG THE OWASHTINONG”

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2007

Venue: Van Andel Museum Center  
272 Pearl Street NW, Grand Rapids, Michigan, 49504  
Special Powwow Event Hours: 9:00 am—9:00 pm

HEAD VETERAN: DALE ANDERSON  
HOST DRUM: SONS OF 3 FIRES  
HEAD MALE: DALE PETERS  
HEAD FEMALE: THERESA MAGNUSON  
ARENA DIRECTOR: TIM LOONSFOT

MUSEUM ADMISSION: \$8 ADULTS, \$3 CHILDREN  
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## Casino Charity Golf Outing helps local charities!

The Little River Casino Golf Outing was held this last month and was once again a rousing success with a lot of participation from across the Manistee area.

As a fund-raiser, this particular event has been vital to the success and survival of some charities and, since its inception, has raised over \$323,000 for area charities.

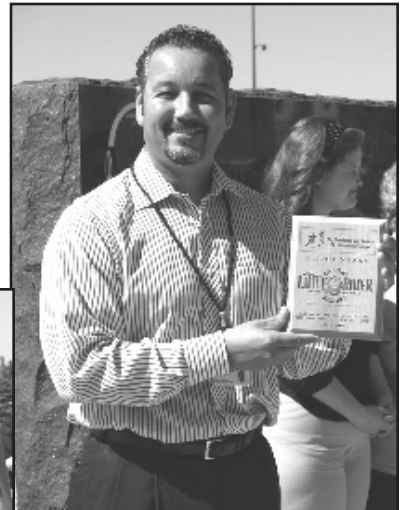
This year the *Little Mary's Hospitality House* which provides free vacations to families of children who are terminally ill was the recipient of \$15,000.

The *Manistee County Historical Museum*, which is expanding and enhancing their exhibits, including a very nice collection of Native American items, received \$15,000 as well.

*Big Brothers/Big Sisters* of Manistee County and the *Our Wish* group that helps with spay and neutering fees

for pets each received \$5,000.

Present at the Check Presentation were Ogema Larry Romanelli, LRCR Executive Director Jim LaPorte and Group Sales Manager Karl Waitner. Representatives from each of the recipient groups were there as well.



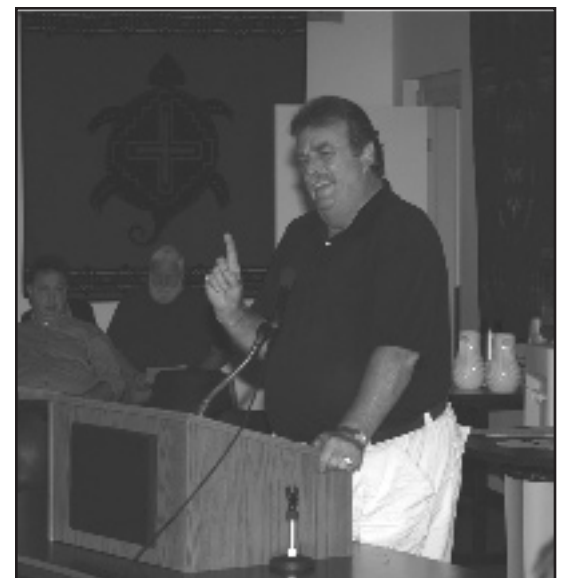
## MAPS support for tribe!

Tribal Council session on Wednesday the 18<sup>th</sup> brought a pleasant show of support for the tribe and the casino as two representatives of the Manistee Area Public Schools (MAPS) spoke during the Open Comment section.

Dan Duchon, a School Board member, spoke first and publicly thanked the tribe for everything it has done not just for the schools but for the community as a whole over the years. He also addressed the fact that he was, "sick" of the negative comments being made concerning the tribe and its properties over the commercial fishing program.

Superintendent Bob Olsen then spoke regarding how much the support for MAPS is appreciated and how much good it does for the area and students, of which 200 are from tribal families. He also recapped the MAPS support and some of the hard times he has personally experienced from standing up for the tribe as a vital entity in Manistee.

Both speeches received applause from the audience and Council.







*Little River Casino Resort*

## *Look What's Rolling at the River*

*Preference Employees at  
the Little River Casino Resort*

### **Little River Casino Resort welcomes the following new hire preference employees for July 2007**

- **Jacklyn Pieczynski – Food & Beverage/Banquet Server**
- **Jesse Pete – Hotel/Houseperson**

### **Preference Employees at LRCR celebrating “Years of Service” *Anniversaries in August 2007***

- **Eileen Gibson – Table Games/Shift Manager – Eight Years**
- **Karl Waitner – Marketing/Sales Manager – Seven Years**
- **Gregory Groleau – Table Games/Poker Supervisor – Five Years**
- **Jessica MacKlam – Hotel/Housekeeping – Five Years**
- **Linda Hoover – Facilities/EVS Cleaner – Four Years**
- **Sandra Meadows – Facilities/EVS Supervisor – Three Years**
- **David Lonn – Security/Security Level I – Three Years**
- **Roger Vriesman – Slot Performance/Slot Technician – Three Years**
- **Pamela Johnson – Marketing/Conference Sales Coordinator – Two Years**
- **Carl Stone Jr. – Security/Security Level II – Two Years**
- **Anna Detz – Marketing/Conference Sales – One Year**
- **Joseph Brisson – Slot Operations/Slot Representative – One Year**
- **Denise Anderson – Slot Operations/Slot Representative – One Year**

### **Educational Sponsored Internship Opportunities at the Little River Casino Resort**

We want to remind everyone about the Educational Sponsored Internship Program available at the Little River Casino Resort. This is an opportunity extended to anyone attending an accredited college or university needing to complete a required college/university sponsored internship. As a LRCR intern, you can expect to work on substantive projects, develop professional skills, and benefit from the personal attention of department leaders. There will be weekly meetings, training, and much more that will be mandatory for you to attend and participate in. For more information regarding Educational Internship opportunities, please contact Lisa Sagala, Recruiting Supervisor at 231-398-3858 or 888-568-2244.

### **JOBS AT LRCR**

To obtain Job Descriptions or to apply for positions at the Little River Casino Resort, please call 888-568-2244 and ask to speak to a Recruiting Representative. For up-to-date Job Postings, please visit our website at **[lrcr.com](http://lrcr.com)** and go to the [employment section](#). You may also call HR toll-free at **888-568-2244** or call the Job Hotline at **800-806-4348**. The website and hotline are updated as positions become available.



### ***Tribal Member Highlight Charles King; Hotel/Laundry Supervisor***

I was raised in a small village in DeWitt, Michigan just north of Lansing. My grandparents, Chief Anthony Chingman and Alvina Chingman cared for me when I was young and taught me the values of life in the Indian way. My grandfather was very wise and knowledgeable about the customs and traditions of Indian culture. I was very fortunate to have such a great teacher and mentor in my life growing up.

I graduated from DeWitt High School in 1968. I continued my education at Lansing Community College and received a Certificate in Supervision. Today I am attending West Shore Community College working on an Associates Degree in Criminal Justice and Business Administration. I plan on graduating June of 2008.

I worked for the State of Michigan as a Correction Officer. I received numerous commendations and Meritorious Medals from Governor Granholm. I have since retired from the State of Michigan in January 2007 with twenty years of service. My whole life I have been involved in law enforcement. I began my career with Little River Casino in January 2006 as a Security Officer. I was promoted to a Hotel Supervisor in May 2007. The new challenges and goals that I will seek in this new job will be reward for me. Through my knowledge and understanding I intend to guide and direct my employees to a better work environment and satisfying job experience. I have seen the tribe grow in many ways and will continue to grow. When I was young, my grandparents were very active in the organization of the tribe. They spent many hours and day going to Washington DC to fight for treaty rights. I will never forget President John F. Kennedy shaking my hand as I gave him a head dress that my father had made for him.

***“Leaders are born not made.”*** We need to be very careful whom we make as leaders and that they are thinking of OUR best interest as a whole.





## Michigan Indian Family Olympics

On the summer day of July 20th, a total of 62 participants from Little River gathered for the 20th Annual Michigan Indian Family Olympics. It was quite a fun filled day to say the least. We brought home 37 medals on behalf of our tribe. 8 gold, 16 silver, 13 bronze. Congratulations 2007 Olympians Krystal Davis, Kyle McKinney Jr, Patricia Austin, Hannah Sandel, Mathew Sandel, Verna Wolfe, Anthony Rodriguez, Chunky Rodrigues, DayDreanna Davis, Theresa Davis, Joseph Garza,

Cahrkeia Davis, Bishop Davis, Kenneth Davis, William Gillhouse, Abigail Gillhouse, Robert Gillhouse, Serena Gillhouse, Ira Lawrence, Emerald Lawrence, Sommer Lawrence, George Lawrence, Jade Shepard, April Shepard, Amber Shepard, Sharon Shepard, Zoe Shepard, Kathy Gibson, Brian Gibson, Jeanie Gibson, Justin Knapp, Debra Davis, Heaven OConner, Rayquin Gillhouse, Monica Novtiski, Dawn Novitiski, David Johnson, Julie Wolfe, Calvin Austin, Joselyn Cabarrubia, Jaslissa

Cabarrubia, Jacob Cabarrubia, Jasmine Cabarrubia, Jacquelyn Cabarrubia, JessieJames Cabarrubia, Joshua Wilson, Kathy Wilson, Tree Wilson, Crow Wilson, Jeremy Wilson, Jade Wilson, Misty Davis, Isaiah Davis, Sky Little Bear Gonzalez, Tina Vaquera, Jade Vaquera, Jessica Vaquera and Holly Davis.

Submitted By:  
Julie Wolfe  
Youth Prevention Counselor

Historic Preservation has  
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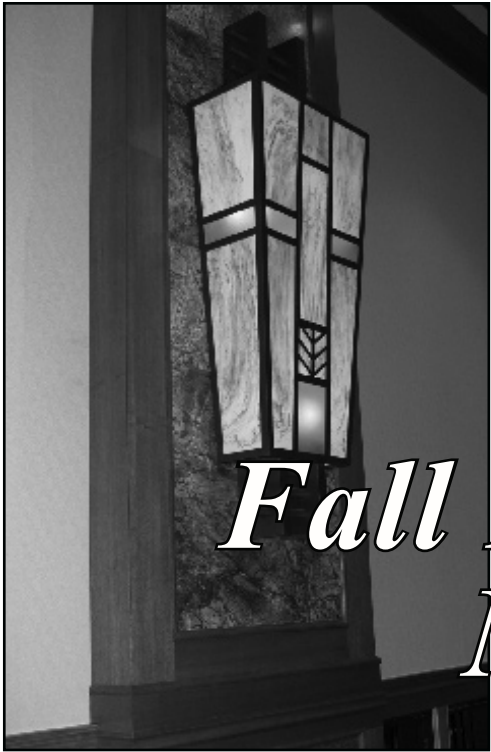
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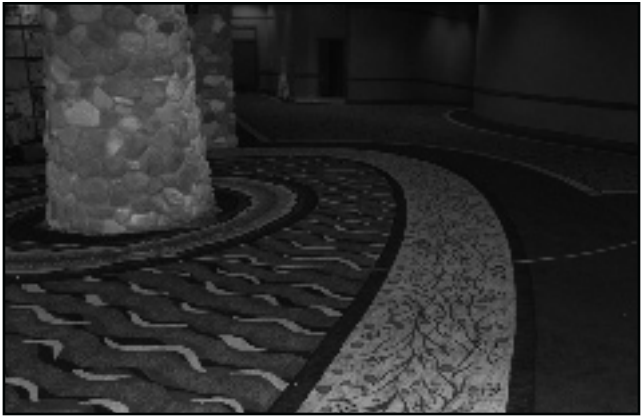
The Fall Membership Meeting originally scheduled for September 29<sup>th</sup> at the Three Fires Conference Center has been rescheduled to Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup> to allow us to use the new large Event Center. The new 1700 seat center will provide the tribe with a wonderful opportunity for the largest gathering of Tribal Citizens in our nation's official history

The scheduling move will also provide Tribal Elders the opportunity to hold their meeting in conjunction with the Fall Membership. This will simplify travel plans for out-of-town visitors.

Mark your calendars for the 6<sup>th</sup> of October for the Fall Membership Meeting!



## Fall Membership Meeting!



## Health Commission Position

The Tribal Ogema is seeking Tribal Members intersted in serving on the LRBOI Health Board. If interested, please submit a letter of interest to the Tribal Ogema's office.

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#### Note:

**Your Tribal I.D. card of Employee I.D. card must be presented at the ticket counter at the time of payment, in order to receive your discount.**



## Featuring this month - MIS

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians has over 25 departments doing various things for the membership. This series provides capsule summaries of the duties and responsibilities of various departments.



George LeVasseur

Their mission is to provide “world class” Information Technology Services to the employees of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Government. As this mission states, the Management Information Services (MIS) was created in order to do so in a fully functioning behind-the-scenes department that is scarcely not involved as LRBOI employees go about their daily activities. They are

a service organization that handles everything from monitoring and licensing programs, to the telephone and internet connections.

The most visible product of this department is the LRBOI website. The website was created by MIS in order to provide a structure and design that other departments could add their information to help keep the members better informed and provide a resource to answering questions.

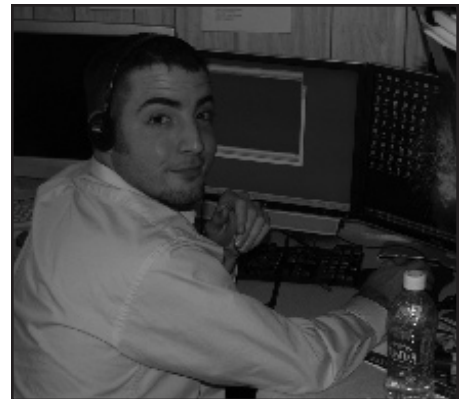


Joan Burkhardt

The MIS department works in support of all Tribal Government departments and employees. A break down of the amount of work detailed

in their department lists that there are 12 file servers, three telephone systems, 250 computers, 200 employees and nine locations of LRBOI technology and all of these systems and technology are supported and maintained by the four employees that are currently working in the MIS department.

As a LRBOI employee, every time to pick up your phone, turn on your computer, surf the web free from spam and viruses, or send out that email remember that MIS is there and helping everyday technology function quickly and efficiently.



Russ Manning

For any questions concerning technology or the department please contact MIS through the website email link. Questions will be answered as time allows.



Chris Varenhorst

### Commission and Committee Openings

The following Commissions have current openings or vacancies that will occur on September 20, 2007:

#### **Binojeeuk Commission**

– 1 vacant seat and 2 additional openings on 9/20/07

**Commerce Commission** – 2 vacant seats

**Enrollment Commission** – 3 openings on 9/20/07

**Gaming Commission** – 1 vacant seat and 2 additional openings on 9/20/07

**Health Commission** – 5 vacant seats

**Housing Commission** – 3 openings on 9/20/07

**Natural Resource Commission** – 3 openings on 9/20/07

Anyone interested in serving on one of the above Commissions, please submit a letter of interest to the Tribal Ogema with a copy to the Tribal Council.

#### **Cultural Preservation**

**Committee** – 2 vacant seats and 1 additional opening on 9/20/07

Anyone interested in serving on a Committee, please submit a letter of interest to the Tribal Council.

### Want to be a Journalist?

Have you ever thought about being a journalist? Here's your chance. The Public Information Department is looking for young Tribal Members who would like to explore the profession of Journalism. If you are interested in becoming what is called a “Free Lance Journalist” for the Tribal newspaper, the Little River Currents, this is your chance.

Beginning in 2007, we are looking for a few young members who would be interested in learning how to cover events and/or write articles of interest for the newspaper. You will receive coaching and you will be paid for each article that is printed.

You don't have to have previous experience but good English skills are necessary. Also, you will need to have access to a digital camera and the Internet (e-mail).

For more details on this program, contact the Public Information Department at: [currentscomments@lrboi.com](mailto:currentscomments@lrboi.com)

### Attention all Tribal Members

If you are interested in joining any of the following Commissions or Committees please submit a letter of interest to the Ogema's office at the following address:

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians  
Attn: Mary Thomas  
375 River St.  
Manistee, MI 49660

Natural Resource Commission  
Binojeeuk Commission  
Housing Commission  
Enrollment Commission  
Gaming Commission

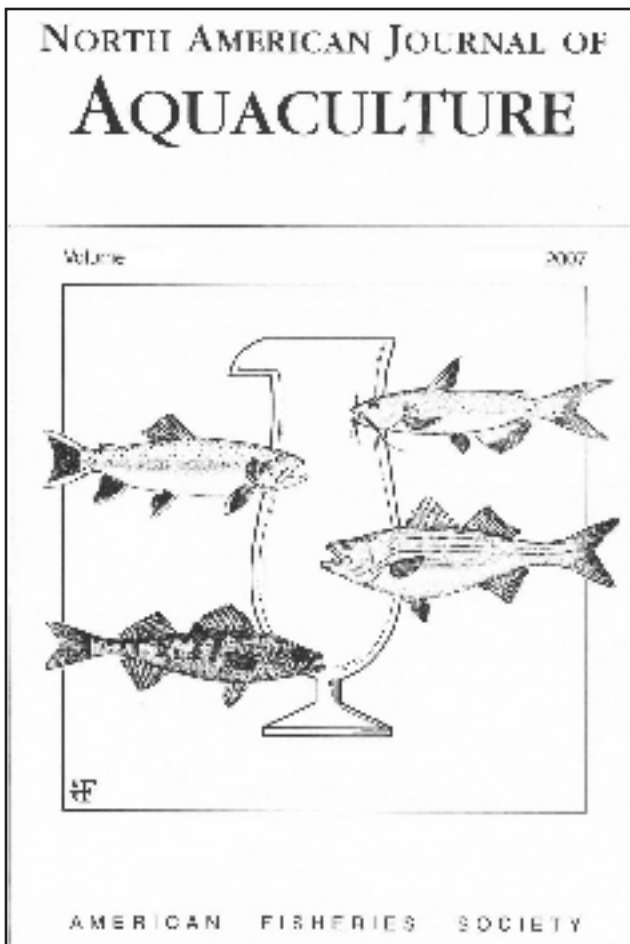
Boxing Commission  
Health Commission  
Cultural Preservation  
Committee  
Commerce Commission  
Heath Board Commission

A copy of the letter is to be sent to the Tribal Council at the same address, but to the attention of Kathleen Block.





## *Natural Resources Publishes Sturgeon Article in Journal*



On January 25<sup>th</sup> the LRBOI Natural Resources Department was notified that an article they submitted to the North American Journal of Aquaculture was accepted for publication. The article titled, "Design of a portable streamside rearing facility for lake sturgeon" details in scientific terms the operation and purpose of the Tribe's streamside rearing facility for sturgeon. This facility is the first where lake sturgeon are reared in water from their river of origin. Additionally, this is the first peer reviewed article published through the LRBOI Natural Resources Department

where Tribal biologists are primary authors. The main authors, Marty Holtgren and Stephanie Ogren, are excited that information on the Tribe's progressive sturgeon program will be distributed worldwide through this Journal to other fisheries scientist. This article is beneficial to the Tribe as it promotes Tribal sovereignty in self-management of the fishery, promotes treaty rights, and improves the fishery resource for benefit of the membership. Under the 1836 Treaty, and subsequently the Great Lakes Consent Decree, the Tribe's are management

authorities and this project assists the Tribe in improving the fishery resource. Management of sturgeon is important for many reasons. The sturgeon almost went extinct in the early 1900's and the populations have not rebounded. Also, lake sturgeon are indicator species, which mean that the sturgeon is an indicator of the health of the environment in which it lives in. Indicator species are very useful to manage, as the Tribe benefits the sturgeon and it's environment other fishery resources are also enhanced, including walleye, trout, and salmon. Additionally, the Tribe has acquired over 1.1 millions dollars in external funding for this program and watershed restoration related activities, a portion of these (up to 34% indirect cost rate) funds have supported Tribal government operations.

**The Natural Resource survey is to survey membership needs and usage in relation to hunting, fishing and gathering. The results of the survey helps our biologists determine assessment areas, and assists in the wise management of the resources.**

**The winners from our NR Survey drawing (there are four) These tribal members each one a gift card from Wal-Mart.**

**Timothy Campeau  
Julia Nickleson  
Dale Klemp  
Marci Dunn**

**We would like to say Miigwech to everyone who participated!**

## ...from the Director

### *Court and Public Safety*

Many Tribal Citizens have asked the Currents to start carrying more Tribal Court and Tribal Public Safety (Police) news so that they might have a better understanding of the legal issues and people involved within our nation.

In response to this request we have been working with legal counsel, and are in the process of determining specific guidelines for the release of this kind of information. We are developing these guidelines to insure the protection of the rights of individual Citizens while recognizing the rights of Citizens to know the facts.

Beginning shortly, we will publish the guidelines and then begin more systematic reporting of both Court and Police activities of interest to the Tribal Citizens.







Happy 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday Gloria Carey Jamerson, September 3<sup>rd</sup> 2007. Love your sister Carol and family.

Happy 15<sup>th</sup> Birthday Jessica Lyn Kelsey, September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2007. Love Grandpa and Grandma and Uncle Joe.

Happy Birthday to Julie Wolfe! You are still 3 days older than me! Ha!Ha!  
-Love Angie Eagle

Happy Birthday to Dawn Smith! I hope this year is your best yet!  
- Love Angie Eagle

Happy Birthday to Grandma Kathy we love you very much!  
-Love Angela Eagle and Kids

Happy Birthday July 31<sup>st</sup> to Shannon Crampton, to the Best Dad, Love Sarah and Adrian

Happy Birthday Ding!!!!  
Love ya bunches,  
-Mom



Congratulations to Mark  
Dougher  
on His Hole in One!!!!  
From the Grants  
Department

Happy Birthday Wishes / From Yvonne  
Theodore & Family  
Gina Wilson Bruce King ( POPS )  
Uncle Jerry Cody King  
Bob Renner Happy Anniversary  
Nicole Cale Brian & Lori King  
Paul Cale  
Charlie King



## House of Flavors

August 8, 2007

### Request for Proposal:

The House of Flavors Restaurant is requesting proposals from qualified Cleaning Service Vendors. House of Flavors Restaurant operates seven (7) days per week,  
6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Cleaning of the facility must be done between the hours of 10:30 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. Approximate cleaning time is 3 hours.

### Scope of the project:

1. Daily cleaning seven (7) days per week.
2. Interior facility must be cleaned in accordance with public Health and Safety requirements for facilities that prepare and serve food.
3. Expectations for minimum cleaning consist of:
  - a. Emptying all trash receptacles, including disposal in rear dumpster.
  - b. Sweep,& Mop all ceramic floor surfaces, including disinfectant, including back of house areas, dry storage, & employee break area.
  - c. Vacuum all carpeted floor areas.
  - d. Thoroughly clean all restrooms, including all surfaces (counters, sinks, toilets, floors) in accordance with public health and safety standards.
4. Vendor will not clean or service food equipment, but will be required to clean floor in kitchen areas.

### Proposal time line:

Formal proposals and cost information must be received by **Sept. 28, 2007**  
If mailed, proposals must be postmarked on or before **Sept. 25, 2007**

### Additional Requirements:

All Vendors will be required to provide certificate of liability insurance.  
All Vendors will be required to provide evidence of bond if contract is awarded.

### Proposal Format Instructions:

- Proposals must include the following information:
- 1) Date submitted
  - 2) Name and title of person/persons authorized to conduct discussions or negotiations with the House of Flavors.
  - 3) Address and phone number of the vendor's place of business.
  - 4) Indication of Tribal ID number, if applicable.

### Contract Agreement

The successful Vendor will be expected to enter into a service contract.

### Submit Proposals to:

Cleaning Service RFP  
Attn: Butch Modjeski  
House of Flavors  
284 River Street  
Manistee, MI 49660





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## Employee Appreciation-LRBOI Style!

The Employees of the Little River Casino/Resort and the Tribal Government were given a party at the County Fairgrounds on Monday, July 30, 2007. An *Employee Appreciation Picnic* was held from noon until 8 p.m. for employees and their families.

This is the second year that the government and the casino/resort have joined forces to recognize the hard-working employees of

both organizations.

The Employee Picnic this year had many, many booths, games and attractions which were the delight of the children (and adults) on a perfect Michigan day. Some of the attractions are shown in the photographs. A wonderful spread of food was available with chicken, ribs, hamburgers and corn dogs and all the trimmings. Apple pie served as the perfect end to the meal. Snacks and refreshments were also available out on the

fairgrounds during the whole event.

The hours of the picnic were set up to accommodate the large number of employees who work various shifts throughout the day.

Thanks to the joint casino/government committee for making a fun event for all the wonderful employees at Little River!

